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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were trending unchanged in the West, mixed, mostly unchanged to higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment was generally steady, often firm in the Northeast; however, lighter weights were only steady at best. Retail demand was no better than moderate. Food service was fair to good, best into fast food. Availability in the Northeast was irregular. Elsewhere, supplies were adequate to ample. In the parts structure, boneless skinless breasts were still heavily supplied, but with less discounting. Dark meat was balanced to close, and wings continued to have good movement with well cleared supplies. Live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10/30-11/03/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	47.00-51.00	45.00-64.00	50.92	26
Los Angeles	66.00			
New York	50.00-53.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	60.00-62.00	47.00-65.00	61.25	82

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRERELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
612	56.70-62.75	61.30
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	136.00	4,225
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.00	1,195
THIGH MEAT - B/S	81.00	735
LEG QUARTERS	29.50	8,280
WINGS	71.50	2,805

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority for next week's trading into Chicago was unchanged from last Monday's final majority. Whole fryer trade sentiment was generally steady. Whole fryers and WOGS offerings adequate for buyers current needs. Demand into retail outlets slow to fair, best where features are in progress. Movement into food service channels moderate to good, best into fast food outlets where featured. Floor stocks adequate to ample. Sizes desirable to instances heavy into Chicago. Parts demand was light with most buyers very cautious. Supplies of boneless skinless breasts adequate to ample, leg quarters adequate to fully adequate, balance of parts items adequate. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on wings, barely steady on leg quarters and boneless/skinless breasts and steady on balance of parts items.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trading for next week's deliveries at generally unchanged prices. Offerings moved into better balance but was fully adequate overall. Buyer's interest improved to cover anticipated first-of-the month needs, otherwise just fair. Demand moderate, best where featured. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body California grown 69-89, leg quarters 78 and (10 pound bags) 33-49, wings 89-99, drumsticks 79-99, thighs 79-99, bone-in breasts 97-129, boneless breasts 199-499, boneless thigh meat 118-179, roasters 99, (one-day sale thighs 39, drumsticks 38 and three-day sale whole cut-up California grown 79); Northern California - whole legs 89, drumsticks 89-99, thighs 89-99, bone-in breasts 99, boneless breasts 249-399, roasters 129, drumettes 79-199; Denver area - whole body Southern grown 48, boneless breasts 349 and leg quarters (10 pound bags) 39.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on whole broiler/fryers ranged fair to instances fairly good entering the weekend. Offerings of the 3 to 3.5 pound birds close balanced to tight at times, 4 pound sizes were at least adequate and 2.5 pound birds had become available. Movement into retail and distributive channels ranged fair to moderate at best. The market tone fully steady to firm on the 3 pound and heavier sizes, no better than steady on the lighter birds. Boneless-skinless breasts continued fully adequate to ample, but the sharp discounting was becoming less prevalent. Bone-in breasts remained available. Increasing interest centering around drums and thighs kept product well cleared, and wings were moving good.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was slow to fair with hopes for improvement for first of the month. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. Breast items were irregular, but overall in a more balanced position to at times close. Wings continued to have movement strong enough to keep supplies no more than adequate, and dark meat was sufficient and moving. Live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable to at times heavy.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement whole birds was noted as about moderate entering the weekend. Offerings tight on 3.0 and 3.5 pound sizes; at least adequate on the balance. Live supplies moderate; weights varied and mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules moderate. LTL asking prices unchanged at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. All parts noted as adequate. Drums were reported as in closest balance while bone-in breasts were in heaviest supply.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	50-75
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.24
NO. OF BOXES	13,930
CUMULATIVE	10/23/00-10/27/00 54.75
	10/25/99-10/29/99 55.68
NO. OF BOXES	10/23/00-10/27/00 68,664
	10/25/99-10/29/99 47,601

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCTOBER 27, 2000

POUNDS					POUNDS					WEEKLY	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	627	116.00-197.00	145-149	149.77	886	120.00-200.00	145-150	145.23	3,209	147.06	
TENDERLOINS	98	215.00-255.00	215-220	223.44	163	215.00-255.00	215-220	223.97	689	224.27	
BREAST - LINE RUN	109	72.00-74.00	-	72.77	109	72.00-74.00	-	72.77	501	73.44	
FRONT HALVES	36	71.50-78.00	-	71.68				TOO FEW TO REPORT	446	73.41	
LEGS	47	33.00-48.00	33-35	35.23	46	33.00-48.00	33-35	34.96	191	35.43	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,057	23.25-29.50	25-27	27.13	938	22.00-27.50	24-25	24.82	2,927	26.01	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,159	26.00-30.00	28-29	27.93	1,159	26.00-30.00	27-28	27.41	4,715	27.73	
WINGS (WHOLE)	263	70.00-71.00	-	70.82	310	69.00-74.00	69-71	70.74	1,238	71.18	
WINGS (CUT)	510	81.00-101.00	85-89	90.30	655	85.00-101.00	85-87	90.15	1,826	88.76	
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT						TOO FEW TO REPORT	TFEWR		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT						TOO FEW TO REPORT	TFEWR		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT						TOO FEW TO REPORT	161	72.45	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR OCT 26, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE**
47.38 - 53.75**AVERAGE**
49.41*****
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR OCT 27, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE**
46.50 - 52.75**AVERAGE**
48.96**5-DAY****AVERAGE**
49.73

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS. Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend, but overall, demand was only moderate at best and generally lacked the usual end-of-the-week impetus. Offerings of bone-in breasts were fully adequate to available. Boneless-skinless breasts remained ample, however, the heavy discounting noted in earlier week trading was absent. Drums and thighs were moving well, and wings continued to see active interest. The balance of items were at least sufficient. Movement into retail and distributive was mostly fair to instances fairly good. The market tone was about steady on boneless-skinless breasts, cautiously steady on bone-in breasts, and at least steady on the balance. ICE PKD B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO 1ST RCVRS IN POOL TRKLT & TRKLT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB, OCT 27, 2000

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ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	AVG**VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120-125	125.99	716,000	120-125124.13	778,780	124.63 3,671,470
TENDERLOINS	185-190	214.05	190,880	185-190 211.01	209,080	211.38 981,116
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	70.18	420,040	62-6370.10	355,160	70.88 1,834,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	63.25	144,040	6264.59	180,180	65.91 897,980
LEGS	35-36	38.38	302,080	35-3638.73	301,120	38.35 1,433,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27	28.38	431,173	26-2727.86	565,649	27.94 2,543,373
DRUMSTICKS	27-28	36.77	187,940	28-2936.97	211,890	36.53 974,800
THIGHS	29-30	34.93	187,122	30-3136.72	178,930	35.24 880,082
B/S THIGHS	76-77	79.02	61,560	76-7779.42	72,560	79.27 301,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	79.78	344,420	70-7178.96	397,430	79.33 1,828,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.11	106,200	10-1212.05	116,320	12.03 539,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.54	87,240	35-4039.48	105,360	39.35 467,180
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	55.19	110,280	50-5554.83	142,400	54.78 619,570

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	10/27	10/26	10/25	10/24	10/25	10/24	10/20	10/18
ALA	3,896	3,945	3,583	3,955	5.05	5.06	3,705	4.99
ARK	5,268	5,243	4,980	4,832	4.96	4.94	5,050	4.98
DELMARVA	2,208	2,287	2,365	2,304	5.17	5.18	2,124	5.02
KY-LA-TN	1,962	2,012	1,966	1,972	4.46	4.55	2,003	4.49
MISS	3,266	2,862	2,591	2,673	5.07	5.18	3,532	5.13
NC	2,617	2,671	2,601	2,578	5.81	6.01	2,583	5.71
TEXAS	2,267	2,248	2,287	2,192	4.86	4.83	2,727	4.76
TOTAL	21,484	21,268	20,373	20,506	5.06	5.09	21,724	5.03
MON-FRI	104,402(A)						104,777(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27 & 28-Oct-00 is estimated to be 32,142,000 up 3.11 percent from a week ago and up 5.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,413,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 28-Oct-00 is estimated to be 152,163,000 head down 2.6

percent from a week ago, and unchanged from a year ago

(Last week 156,273,000 Last year 152,012,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	74
DUCKS	129
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 102-103
	ICE PACK 92-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 106-112
	DRY PACK 112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 94
	DRY PACK 94
DUCKS	149-165

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Oct. 14, 2000 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	THOUSANDS		
Head	36,288	43,626	41,291
Avg Weight	3.67	4.76	6.20
% of total /1	30%	36%	34%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	29,940	32,778	39,061
Avg Weight	3.81	4.76	6.15
% of total /1	29%	32%	38%
Same week, yr ago /2	30,494	33,198	42,411
Avg Weight	3.85	4.89	6.16
% of total /1	29%	31%	40%
To date/2000	1,356,171	1,373,287	1,652,090
To date/1999	1,306,516	1,287,478	1,677,320

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 21-Oct-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
THOUSANDS					
HEAD	156,273 (A)	1,463	1,813	3,276	470
AVG WT	4.97	3.66	7.90	6.01	6.43
LAST WEEK	150,464	1,674	1,487	3,161	480
YR AGO	154,030	1,952	1,612	3,564	395
AVG WT	5.06	3.50	7.89	5.49	6.41
TO-DATE/2000	6,496,656	79,795	61,203	140,998	18,827
TO-DATE/1999	6,376,895	87,528	59,402	146,930	18,550

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.2 million head or 6.7 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: OCT 24, 2000

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.52 - .62	Silkie 3.00 - 3.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.52 - .60	Geese 9-14 LBS .20 - .32
Pekin Ducks	.20 - .32	Pigeons 1.50 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.12 - .36	White Pigeons 2.00 - 2.75ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.20 - .62	Rabbits 4-6 LBS .60 - .92
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.30 - .64	Rabbits 7-11 LBS .50 - .84
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.50 - .96	Bunnies .50 - 7.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.30 - .88	Guinea Pigs .25 - 4.50ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.00 - 1.25	Goats 30.00 - 47.00ea.
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 5.00ea.	Kid Goats 12.00 - 38.00ea.
Banty Hens	1.00 - 3.25ea.	Doves 2.50 - 6.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.10 - .22	Chukars 3.85 - 4.00ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.10 - .24	Pullets 4-6 LBS .50 - .74

Total Coops Sold 940

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 23-OCT-2000

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	137	143

MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68-69
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-83 67-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to instances good. Sizes were desirable to at times light. Schedules were usually full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.35, boneless legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.45-1.70, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, and leg quarters at \$1.15-1.28, livers at \$1.25-1.50.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 23-OCT-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	121-123	124

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO

ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
SEPTEMBER 16	162.8	149.4	109	4.94
23	157.0	150.2	105	5.03
30	157.3	150.2	105	4.96
OCTOBER 7	155.8	150.9	103	5.16
14	152.3	150.8	101	5.07
21	158.2	151.5	104	4.97
YEAR TO DATE	6578.1	6452.7	102	
OCTOBER 28		151.9		
NOVEMBER 4		150.2		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	THOUSANDS				
W/E	10/28/00	10/21/00	% CHG	10/30/99	% CHG
Broilers	152,163	156,273*	-03	152,012*	0
Cattle	708	698	+01	692*	+02
Hogs	2,045	1,979	+03	2,093*	-02
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher on heavy canners, and about unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was slow to good mostly good on heavies. Supplies were in a full range of short to adequate for trade requirements. Processing schedules were normal. Undertone was steady to fully steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
25-26 MAJORITY	25.75-29 MAJORITY 27-28.25

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
25-29.5 MAJORITY 25-27.5	27.75-31 MAJORITY 28-29.5

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were less available but still usually adequate for normal processors schedules. Demand was light and unaggressive. Finished product sales were clearing with an improved buying interest. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of leghorns. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices continued unchanged. Offerings were fully sufficient for current processor needs. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Slaughter schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0-.25 (2)	.25
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for offerings that were at least adequate for trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Supplies of finished product were short to about adequate and clearing easily. The market tone on live was mixed but at least steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate or better offerings of heavy hens. Finished sales were seasonal and described as moderate to mostly good. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady to full steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked moderate schedules. Offerings about adequate.

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